

Election 2007: Hamlin supervisor

Jerry Borkholder Hamlin Supervisor

Office sought/endorsements. I am seeking the office of Hamlin Town Supervisor which is a 2 year term. No endorsement information submitted.

Pertinent information: Jerry Borkholder, 391 Morton Road, Hamlin, 67. Retired as owner / operator of V.I.P. Pools Inc. Three children and 8 grandchildren. No elected offices held; would not be running for one now had my experience on the Hamlin Wind Tower Committee (W.T.C.) been a more positive one.

Issues of importance in Hamlin:

Two issues would be honesty and openness in government which we are currently lacking. I could write a book on this issue alone. My first foray into public service was to serve on the W.T.C. where I soon learned that it was appropriate for people to tell outright lies and at the very least to deceive. It became clear at the second W.T.C. meeting that the town board had a hidden agenda and would do whatever was necessary to bring 400' industrial wind turbines to our town. It seemed to make no difference that these towers did not perform as promised; it was simply all about the money.

For more information please refer to my opinion letter in the October 7 issue of the Hamlin Clarkson Herald. If even more information is required I also have a much more detailed 13 page document outlining our town official's behavior on this matter which I would be most happy to share. Anyone who reads this would, like myself, be motivated to run for office too.



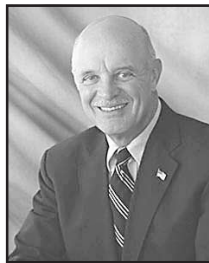
Dennis Roach Hamlin Supervisor

Office sought: Town supervisor. Political Party Endorsements: Republican, Independence, Conservative. Length of term: 2 years

Pertinent information: Dennis Roach, 575 Martin Road, Hamlin, 60. Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Education; Master's, Public Administration. Employment: Supervisor, Town of Hamlin, currently Education Administration (Director, Gates Chili Continuing Education and Director, Corporate Training, SUNY Brockport). Retired Captain, U.S. Navy (29 years active service). Family: Spouse – Cindy; Two grown children, two grandsons. Previous appointed Town office: Commissioner, Town of Hamlin Recreation Commission. Volunteer/Community Service: Hamlin VFW, Hamlin Seniors, Hilton Gazebo Band, Hamlin Radio Tower Committee, Hamlin Friends of the Library, Hamlin History Center (volunteer painting), Hamlin Town Hall Gym (volunteer painting)

Two issues of primary importance in Hamlin

There are a multitude of issues. Of primary importance, because it affects all the other issues and all the residents, is the need to keep taxes low by increasing our tax base and reducing our spending. We have taken steps to increase our tax base by encouraging development where it least impacts our productive farmland and our sensitive environment. We have limited spending and worked inter-municipally in order to save money without reducing services. We must continually address this dual challenge - increasing our tax base and reducing our spending – to maintain low taxes into the future.



A resident stated, "I would have to have been locked in my basement" to not know wind towers is an issue. With multiple truths involved, pro and con, it's very emotional and led to false insinuations and accusations tarnishing the character of town officials and residents on either side. Town Board is prudently acting to have effective regulations - which must balance rights of landowners with the welfare and safety of the town, environment and non-participating landowners - in place so that town officials, not outside developers or remotely located State officials, have the final say on if and where towers can be installed.

Why I am seeking reelection?

I am seeking reelection because I am the most qualified candidate for the position, because I enjoy public service, particularly the ability to assist the residents of Hamlin, and because there are many challenges still to be addressed, which I desire to contribute to resolving.

What I wish you had asked. . .

What have you accomplished during your two years in office? Full-time servant filling part-time position, averaging 50 hours per week doing town business.

Declined benefits to reduce expenses. Transferred excess to the library.

Worked closely with Town Board, Support Boards, and local emergency responders to revise Comprehensive Plan; improve zoning code and revise Emergency Plan.

With no budget increase, improved services to more quickly respond to residents' complaints and needs.

Installed accounting soft-ware program; addressed environmental issues; recognized the valiant, dedicated service of Hamlin's military men and women; addressed residents' concerns on safety; providing water to more residents; instituted long overdue administrative policies and procedures, just to name a few.